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Branch Initiated Requirement.

BACKGROUND

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We are interested in determining whether he has additional knowledge in the foreign trade field.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Describe government control of and restrictions on foreign trade and foreign exchange.
2. What methods are used to reduce foreign indebtedness. What is its size? Limit? Can it be refinanced?
3. Can source comment on foreign trade statistical ^{re}porting? Does he know if the handbook figures on trade are true or false? Can he tell to what extent transport costs are part of trade data?
4. How are prices of exports and imports determined? What is the relation of published statistics on volume to adjusted prices; are the statistics based only on fixed prices?
5. How effective has CEMA been in determining Hungarian specialization in production and trade? What was the plan of CEMA for Hungary?


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6. What is the extent of reexporting in Hungarian trade? Are reexports related to debt payment? Are they part of a middleman's role for Hungary?

7. Have source indicate if he can report on other aspects of foreign trade.

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